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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Coach Larry Finch and the University of Memphis men's basketball team on winning the Great Midwest Conference Championship and for their success in the NCAA tournament.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in the accomplishments of Tennessee's athletes and sports teams who, through hard work and commitment to excellence, have risen to athletic prominence; and

WHEREAS, the University of Memphis men's basketball team is one such team, having reached the round of the Sweet 16 in this year's NCAA men's college basketball tournament; and

WHEREAS, propelled into the tournament by a convincing 22-9 regular season record, this team of talented athletes pounded out win after win en route to capturing the Great Midwest Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, with an assembled group of stars that include David Vaughn, Lorenzen Wright, Chris Garner, Mingo Johnson, Michael Wilson, and Justin Wimmer, to name a few, Coach Finch has skillfully directed the team through the first two rounds of the prestigious NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, in first round action, the Tigers defeated longtime nemesis Louisville in a battle of former Metro-Conference titans; and

WHEREAS, in the next round against a talented Purdue team, Memphis put a lid on Coach Gene Keady's Boilermakers with David Vaughn's last-second heroics; and

WHEREAS, third round action pits Coach Finch's charges against rival Arkansas in Kansas City, Missouri, in what promises to be a slugfest; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to express its gratitude to the Memphis Tigers for the tremendous honor and recognition they have brought to Memphis and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we congratulate Coach Larry Finch and the University of Memphis men's basketball team on winning the Great Mid-West Conference Championship, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in the NCAA tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Coach Finch, team members and the school, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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